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For: PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC STEPPER  
AND/OR SCANNER MACHINES  
INCLUDING CLEANING DEVICES AND  
METHODS OF CLEANING  
PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC STEPPER  
AND/OR SCANNER MACHINE

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Examiner: F. L. Stinson

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicants have not submitted a copy of the cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicants submit herewith a copy of the cited foreign patents, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).


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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 108298728US.

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